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SUB: 26TH MEETING, CENTO SCIENTIFIC COORDINATING BOARD

1. MEETING WAS HELD IN TEHRAN SEPT 21 AND 23 WITH FULL REPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS AND IN PRESENCE OF CENTO DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL MORRIS CRAWFORD.

2. BOARD REVIEWED STATUS OF MULTILATERAL SCIENTIFIC FUND, AND AUTHORIZED ALLOCATIONS FOR FORTHCOMING SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS. SINCE MSF IS BASED UPON BRITISH POUND, EFFECT OF RECENT DEVALUATION OF POUND HAS BEEN TO CUT MONEY AVAILABLE FOR SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY CENTO. THEREFORE, DESPITE AUTHORIZED INCREASE IN MSF LAST YEAR, DEVALUATION OF POUND AND CONTINUING PRICE INCREASES ARE CURTAILING SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS WHICH SCB DEEMS WORTHY OF SUPPORT. BOARD FELT THAT IN VIEW THIS SITUATION THE COUNCIL ON SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN ITS NOVEMBER MEETING IN ANKARA SHOULD CONSIDER CASE FOR ANOTHER MODEST INCREASE IN THE MSF.

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3. BOARD DECIDED THAT SUBJECT OF MINIMIZATION OF EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS

IS SO IMPORTANT FOR CENTO REGION AND HAS SUCH WIDE RAMIFICATIONS IN ECONOMIC FIELD THAT CSER SHOULD CONSIDER BRINGING IT BEFORE ECONOMIC STEERING GROUP. NOTE, THEREFORE, THAT PANEL ON MINIMIZATION OF EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 16-18, 1976, HAS BEEN ELIMINATED FROM SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM.

4. CENTO SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS TO WHICH WE SHOULD ARRANGE TO SEND A U.S. EXPERT ARE: (1) OCT 13-15, DOCUMENTATION CENTRES COORDINATING MEETING (ANKARA); (2) JAN 27-29, 1976, PANEL ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF LIQUID EFFLUENTS (KARACHI); (3) MAY 10-12, 1976, PLANT PRODUCTION UNDER SALINE CONDITIONS (ADANA); AND (4) JUNE 1-3, 1976, WHEAT PESTS PROGRAMME MEETING (ANKARA). U.S. CAN PROBABLY SUPPLY EXPERT TO LATTER FROM ROCKEFELLER-SUPPORTED WHEAT IMPROVEMENT CENTER IN ANKARA.

5. A SOMEWHAT HIGHER SHARE OF MSF APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED IN THE LAST YEAR TO CONFERENCE VISITS THAN THE CSER, IN ITS ORDERING OF PRIORITIES EVIDENTLY INTENDED, BUT IN THE COMING YEAR SUCH VISITS WILL HAVE TO BE SHARPLY REDUCED ANYWAY, DUE TO SHORTAGE OF FUNDS.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF SCB WAS TENTATIVELY SET FOR FEB 22 AND 24, 1976.
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